

pain and suffering felt by a nation whose entire population was affected by this horrific event. Sixty-three years later, the name Katyn still stirs passions in Poland.

Today, I honor the victims of the Katyn Forest Massacre and commend them for their courage and their sacrifice. For on that fateful day, more than six decades ago, these valiant men paid the ultimate price to secure their country's freedom.

It is my sincere hope that as more people learn about the carnage that occurred at Katyn Forest and the surrounding sites, we will be able to come to terms with this tragedy and help heal the wounds that the great nation of Poland and its citizens still suffer. When we honor the memories of those brave souls who were lost on that tragic day, we will prevent future generations from repeating the same horrors which occurred in our past.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL ON RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

• Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I am proud today to honor the Rhode Island Council on Residential Programs for Children and Youth, RICORP, for 25 years of service to 1,250 of Rhode Island's most needy children.

RICORP developed training programs for childcare workers in Rhode Island throughout the 1980s and by 2000, the council had established training certification programs for childcare workers, supervisors and clinicians. In 2001, RICORP collaborated with the Community College of Rhode Island to develop a college curriculum in "Children's Residential Programming" and in September of 2002 the program became a reality.

RICORP has also advanced legislation in the Rhode Island General Assembly in 2000 to give contracted providers rate increases in fiscal year 2001 and 2002. Additionally they lobbied for initiatives to improve the lives of children in care, such as the Higher Education Assistance Grant enacted in 1999. This grant gave youth in out-of-home placement free tuition if they attended one of the State colleges.

These are just a few examples of RICORP's contributions toward improving the lives of needy children in the State of Rhode Island.

I join all Rhode Islanders in congratulating RICORP on its 25th anniversary. •

TRIBUTE TO C. FRANCIS DRISCOLL

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to speak in memory of C. Francis Driscoll, of New London, CT, who passed away on August 8 at the age of 68.

Although Frank Driscoll was born in New York, he would become one of New London's most influential and devoted

public servants, committing his time and energy, for over 30 years, to making life better for the people of that city.

Frank Driscoll's first work on behalf of New London came from 1961 to 1967, when he was the executive director of the Redevelopment Agency, and a driving force in New London's urban renewal. But after 2 years working in Washington at the Department of Housing and Urban Development he returned to New London to take the job that he would hold for the next 23 years, the position of city manager—the top executive post in the city.

As city manager, Frank Driscoll became known as a man who was very careful with how he spent city funds. A child of the Great Depression, he understood that these were the hard-earned tax dollars of working men and women, and he was always careful to spend those dollars wisely. At the same time, he was also tireless in his efforts to obtain Federal funds to improve the quality of life in New London. In fact, during the 1970s, New London won more money in Federal aid than it raised in local property taxes. These critical funds helped New London improve and renovate its schools, revitalize its business district, and ensure the integrity of its water supply.

Frank Driscoll was a skilled, dedicated, and effective leader. But those who knew him or worked with him will probably remember him even more as a deeply caring and compassionate individual. He treated every city employee as part of an extended family. And when it came to his own family, Frank Driscoll's devotion was second to none.

He was also a man of faith who was a vital member of his community. At St. Joseph's Parish in New London, he was a member of the parish council as well as the church choir. Frank was a man whose faith helped shape every aspect of his life, both public and private.

I know that everyone who has lived in New London since the 1960s feels fortunate that they had Frank Driscoll working on their behalf. And I feel privileged to have had him as a friend.

I offer my most heartfelt condolences to Frank's wife Caroline, to their eight children, nine grandchildren, and to everyone else who knew Frank Driscoll. He will be deeply missed. •

IN TRIBUTE TO JOHN MCKISSICK'S 500TH FOOTBALL WIN

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, in light of John McKissick's historic football accomplishments, I ask that this article from the September 11 USA Today be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows.

[From the USA Today, Sept. 11, 2003]

FOOTBALL COACH ALL ALONE AT BRINK OF 500 WINS

(By Jill Lieber)

He's the winningest football coach at any level, going for his 500th victory Friday night. He has 10 state championships and 26

regional titles. And in 52 years at the helm of the mighty Green Wave of Summerville High School, John McKissick is known for something else in this quaint, historic burg, population 27,752: as a leader of the community, the glue that holds the town together.

"John McKissick has been a vital part of forming connections around this town," says David Pugh, Summerville High's principal. "What makes a community successful is the quality of life, and John has shown great leadership in that. He has been able to connect people. He has taught them how to share."

McKissick, two weeks shy of his 77th birthday, has molded 3,014 teenage boys into players over the years. He has instilled pride in tens of thousands of Summerville High students, cheerleaders, band members, teachers and parents. And he has provided excitement for countless more football fans, who have turned out 10,000 strong, in their green and gold, every Friday night in the fall for the past six decades.

Grandfathers, fathers, uncles, brothers, sons, the next-door neighbor's kid, even the piccolo player down the street: Everybody here is tied to the Green Wave in some way.

Why, McKissick now is coaching the third generation of some Summerville families. His own grandson, Joe Call, a former Green Wave quarterback, is an assistant coach.

Truth be told, the folks in this town, nestled on a piney ridge 25 miles northwest of Charleston, would be lost without McKissick.

"So many leaders have come through the John McKissick system," says Bo Blanton, chairman of the school board and former Green Wave quarterback.

"Police officers. Teachers. Lawyers. Doctors. Dentists. Legislators. Coaches. The bond has been formed over the years, the winning tradition of the football program has permeated through the community, all because of the excellence of John McKissick. So many people have felt a part of it. So many people have been inspired by it."

At 8 p.m. Friday, at McKissick Field, on John McKissick Way, the legendary coach will try to give Summerville yet another treat: The Green Wave (2-0) play local rival Mount Pleasant Wando High (1-1) in what could be McKissick's 500th victory.

Coincidentally, McKissick beat Wando in October 1993 for his 406th victory, which set the national high school football record.

Berlin G. Myers Sr., Summerville mayor the past 33 years and owner of the local lumber company, has declared this John McKissick Week. (Several years ago, Myers actually rescheduled Halloween because it fell on a game night.)

Joan McKissick—who wed her husband in June 1952, just two weeks before he took the job at Summerville—has spruced up the press box with photos of past and present Green Wave players for the media rolling into town for the big game. She's expecting hundreds of family and friends.

Troy Knight, the town's attorney, a former Green Wave ball boy, manager and trainer, is a major player with the 500th Committee. That's a group of local business people who have brainstormed ways to commemorate McKissick's milestone.

They're throwing a party on the field after the game for McKissick's 82 varsity players and their families, if the team wins.

The city will come together Nov. 8 for a fundraiser: Summerville will be establishing a John and Joan McKissick Scholarship.

"Coach McKissick is an educator, first and foremost," Knight says. "His vehicle just happens to be coaching. This is a way for his legacy to live on forever."

Winning admiration of peers

McKissick, a quiet, unassuming man, has not missed a game in 52 years—631 games.

Not health, not weather, not an act of God has stopped him. He has had only two losing seasons (1957 and 2001).

His wife has missed just three games. She's the Green Wave's official historian and her husband's trusted biographer, thanks to the piles of scrapbooks she has religiously kept throughout his career. She's also the curator of the largest collection of Green Wave artifacts, most engulfing the playroom of their ranch house, which the McKissicks affectionately call The Green Wave Room.

South Carolina Gamecocks coach and friend Lou Holtz is keeping his fingers crossed that McKissick will reach 500 Friday.

"I don't know of any individual who has done more for high school football or for the state of South Carolina than John McKissick," Holtz said through his sports information director. "He not only has taught winning football, he has developed winning young men. He has been so unselfish with his time. His loyalty to Summerville and the state of South Carolina really impresses me."

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden (334 victories), second to Penn State's Joe Paterno as the winningest Division I-A football coach, also is sending good vibes to his good buddy McKissick.

"The victories bring pride to the state of South Carolina, especially since he is one of their own," Bowden said through his school's sports information director. "It also brings great attention to what you can do if you just persevere. I don't know if it can ever be broken."

"I think Coach McKissick's longevity is due to the fact that he has his priorities in order and that football is not his No. 1 priority. A man must have persistence and love of the game and love of life to coach so long."

Everything he wants right here.

McKissick's persistence and perseverance were forged from a tough childhood.

Born in Greenwood, S.C., McKissick was the second of Harry and Ethel's three sons. Harry owned the Pepsi and Nehi Bottling Co.

A few months after the 1929 stock market crash, the McKissicks returned home one night to find their house destroyed by a fire. Within months, the bottling plant went bankrupt. The family moved to Lake City, S.C., where McKissick's dad opened a corner grocery that went belly up within two years.

Life got better after his mom got a job as lunchroom supervisor for the public schools in Williamsburg County—she worked there 40 years—and his dad became a guard standing shotgun on the county chain gang. But the tough times didn't stop.

McKissick grew up in homes without toilets and running water. He didn't wear shoes to school until the eighth grade. And the family could afford to eat meat—fried chicken—only on Sundays.

He was drawn to coaching because he recalled how happy his Kingstree High school coach, Jimmy Welch, always looked. "I figured it must be a good profession."

In the fall of '51, he landed a job in Clarkton, N.C.—over the phone, sight unseen. Little did he know he'd be coaching six-man football; it paid \$2,700 a year. He called Lonnie MacMillian, his coach at Presbyterian College and a pioneer of the Split-T offense, for advice.

"He gave me four plays to run told me to run—the one to the right and left, so it would seem like I had eight," says McKissick, whose team went 7-0. (None of those victories are included in his 499 wins.)

In the spring of 1952, McKissick applied for the job at Summerville. "The superintendent, Frank Kirk, later told me I got the job because I was the only applicant who didn't ask how much it paid."

McKissick coached boys and girls basketball, baseball and track. He taught two South Carolina history classes and three U.S. history classes. And he mowed and lined the football field, shined the football cleats, washed the game uniforms and taped the players' ankles, all for \$3,000 a year.

"Growing up poor gave me drive," he says. "I put pressure on myself to try to achieve something in life. I had empathy for kids who had a tough time, especially if they were trying, and compassion for those who lacked confidence."

McKissick has been approached about college head coaching jobs (The Citadel, Newberry, Presbyterian), but he has never come close to leaving. His wife was a postal carrier for 30 years until she retired in 1986. They raised two daughters here: Debbie and Cindy, a former Green Wave cheerleader.

"People always ask me why I didn't take another job," McKissick says. "I grew up hard, not having everything I wanted. People have different wants and needs. A lot of people want more than what they really need."

"Working with kids has kept me young; it has allowed me to grow and evolve. And I get so much self-satisfaction seeing former players around town, at the filling station, the barbershop. . . . Even as football coaches at area high schools."

"Why would I ever want to leave Summerville? It's a wonderful community, with wonderful fans and great support. It's my family. I have everything I've always wanted right here."●

REAR ADMIRAL HOWARD KIRK UNRUH, JR.

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to formally acknowledge the great accomplishments and recent retirement from the United States Naval Reserve of one of my constituents, Rear Admiral Howard Kirk Unruh, Jr.

Henry Clay said: "Of all the properties that belong to honorable men, not one is so highly prized as that of character." RADM Unruh is, indeed, a man of character and he has shown outstanding character throughout his 33 years of service to the Navy.

Admiral Unruh's naval career began in the Garden State, where he attended Princeton University on a ROTC scholarship. In 1970, upon his graduation from Princeton, Ensign Unruh was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy.

He reported for duty in Hawaii where he served on the USS Elkhorn AOG-7. As damage control assistant and engineering officer, he accepted a great deal of responsibility for a young man and gained valuable leadership experience. He learned what it meant to serve and what it meant to lead, and he made the Navy an important part of his life.

His work did not go unnoticed, and, after completing a tour of the Western Pacific aboard the Elkhorn, Unruh was selected to participate in Admiral Elmo Zumwalt's Human Resource Management Program in Pearl Harbor.

In 1975, Lieutenant Unruh left active duty, and went on to receive a Masters degree in Education from Harvard University. But the Navy was in his blood. So, while studying in Massachusetts, he accepted a commission in the Naval

Reserves and began the second phase of his service.

For the next 28 years, Admiral Unruh served wherever and whenever he was needed. He taught naval management and leadership courses; he mentored officers and sea cadets; he spearheaded successful reorganization efforts in reserve centers; and he participated in joint military training exercises in the U.S. and abroad. In short, as he moved up the ranks, he gave the Navy his wholehearted commitment on land and sea.

In 1995, he took an assignment as the Department of the Navy's duty captain at the Pentagon's Navy Command Center. There, he served under Secretary of the Navy and Chief Naval Operations Admiral Mike Borda and was in charge of monitoring military activity around the world. On his first day on duty, human émigrés flying civilian aircraft over Cuba were shot down by the Cuban military, which believed that the aircraft were intruding in Cuban air space. Captain Unruh acted quickly and admirably, putting together data to brief the President on the United States on what was happening.

Now Kirk Unruh retires as an Admiral and he has well earned that rank. Over the years, his contributions to the Navy have been duly recognized. He is authorized to wear the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal which he was awarded twice, the Navy Commendation Medal which he was awarded four times, the National Defense Medal with bronze star, and various other Unit and Service ribbons. These decorations attest to the character of the man, the service he has rendered, and the honor with which he has provided that service.

Today I ask that my colleagues join with me in thanking Admiral Unruh for his years of service, for his commitment to this nation and to the United States Navy, and for a job well done. As noted in his Legion of Merit Citation: "By his outstanding leadership, commendable innovation, and inspiring dedication to duty, RADM Unruh reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Lastly, behind the career of most great Naval officers is a loving family that is asked to endure the hardships of constant travel and periodic separation. Admiral Unruh's family is no exception. His wife Diane has made many sacrifices to support her husband. And, as the wife of an Admiral—whose children, Meredith, Allison, and Chip were all born on naval bases—she has earned her stripes and unofficially outranks him. We all know that without her sacrifice his service to our Nation would not have been possible.

Today, I join with Diane, her children, and all Americans in saluting Admiral Unruh for an outstanding career and a job well done.●